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In re application of:

Miki SASAKI, et al.

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For:

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INCORPORATING A DICING TECHNIQUE FOR WAFER

SEPARATION AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME (As

Amended)

Art Unit: 2814

Examiner: Nathan W. Ha

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and in response to the Final Office Action dated September 8, 2003 and Advisory Action dated January 28, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status has been claimed. See 37 CFR § 1.27.

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